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Monthly Report -- Tel Aviv Bureau				
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Chief, Operations Group		2944	DATE May 1987	
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1. Chief, Operations Group	23 Jun		B	AC HB
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5. Director, FBIS	~		PR	
6. PO-RA/E&PS	4/26		Om	
7. C/ESG	7/10		208/5	
8. C/FED				
9. C/ADD	8/4		1/14	
10. C/HED	8/5		134	
11. Chief, Admin Staff				
12. Chief, Analysis Group	11/8		11	
13. Admin Staff				
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15. Exec. Reg.				

MTA-7013
9 June 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report -- Tel Aviv Bureau -- May 1987

I. GENERAL

1. Headquarters and BBC approved a bureau proposal to send videotapes of the Tehran Television 1630 newscast to Caversham by air express courier for transmission to Washington via Internet. The procedure, which started at the end of May, involves shipping tapes recorded by a local vendor via commercial courier directly to Caversham. The agreement with the air express courier specifies delivery within 48 hours. The bureau's extensive preparations appear to have paid off: No significant problems have surfaced so far; three of the first four shipments arrived at Caversham within 24 hours, the fourth arrived within the specified 48 hours--far better service than we expected. The service has already had an impact on Iranian coverage: The first tape, from the 29th, carried a 35-minute recording of a speech by Khomeyni on the occasion of 'Id al-Fitr and resulted in a two-tape comparison fyi from London Bureau; the excellent reception enabled LD/BBC to fill the many indistinct passages in the version filed from Tehran Domestic Service.

2. Restrictions on travel in the West Bank and Gaza remained in force throughout the month due to heightened tension generated by sporadic terrorist acts and demonstrations.

3. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has taken occupancy of the remaining offices on the 15th floor of the Migdalor Building. This will now allow the bureau to move forward on security enhancements for access to the 15th floor from the elevators.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

The bureau remained open 2 hours beyond normal COB to cover reports of "major riots" in Jerusalem on the 23d. It closed once it became clear that the unrest was under control. The bureau also remained open 2 hours beyond normal COB on the 28th to clear 13 takes of material from the Rotenstreich and Eban investigative committee reports on the Pollard spy affair.

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B. Lateral Services

1. The bureau is completing the final EOD processing for Austria Bureau's TCN Hungarian monitorial-candidate [] aiming for an ETA in Vienna of early August.

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2. Tel Aviv Bureau administered BBC Monitoring Service Russian and Latvian (Lettish) tests to a candidate residing in the Tel Aviv area in response to a BBC request relayed by London Bureau.

C. Technical

1. The engineer and technicians conducted extensive tests of the bureau microwave QEI equipment to ensure that it will accomodate the planned upgrade to 300 baud. No problems have been discovered to date.

2. One of bureau's two Sony U-matic VCR's failed twice in quick succession and had to be sent out for repair, causing delay in the evaluation of the Cairo TV recordings made in connection with the April survey.

3. The Comscribe firmware modification and power supply replacement work has been completed. All Comscribes are now performing satisfactorily.

D. Cruising

The bureau provided the results of its 20-27 April survey of Cairo Television's first program after several delays caused by equipment failure and the shortage of Arabic capability at the bureau. The survey results support Nicosia bureau's earlier conclusions that Cairo TV currently does not offer significant potential in terms of programs suitable for regular coverage. Bureau conclusions were wirefiled and detailed program lists were pouched to headquarters and interested bureaus.

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III. ADMINISTRATION

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A. Personnel

1. Hebrew Section Monitor's [redacted] and [redacted] were promoted to FBN-10 and FBN-9, respectively, and Persian/Dari/Arabic Monitor [redacted] was promoted to FBN-10.

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2. Senior editor [redacted] and family arrived 2 June on PCS transfer from London following home leave.

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3. Staff cruiser [redacted] departed 5 June on home leave enroute to PCS transfer to Islamabad.

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4. Teletypist [redacted] EOD'd on 7 June. She replaces [redacted] who resigned effective 6 June.

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IV. VISITS

1. Teletypist [redacted] paid a 1-day working visit to Swaziland Bureau 11 May while on annual leave in South Africa.

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2. DC/Personnel and C/FNU [redacted] visited bureau 28, 29 May, as part of a field orientation TDY and for discussions on FBN issues.

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[redacted]
Chief, FBIS Tel Aviv Bureau

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cc: JN, NC

Attachments: a. Production Report
b. Communications Report

Tel Aviv Bureau Production Report for MAY 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	264010
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	71710
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	734

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	7783.00 min.	840.00 min.	58.00 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

(Clandestine) Bayrak Radio in Turkish to Cyprus	2190
(Clandestine) Bayrak Radio in English to Cyprus	0
(Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian	0
(Clandestine) Our Radio in Turkish to Turkey	310
(Clandestine) Voice of Turkish Communist party in Turkish	2260
(Clandestine) Voice of the Kavyani Banner of Iran in Persian	240
(Clandestine) Voice of the Liberation of Iran in Persian	0

ISRAEL

Jerusalem Domestic Service in English	16290
Jerusalem Television Service in Hebrew	25200
Jerusalem Television Service in Arabic	0
Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew	54630
Tel Aviv IDF Radio in Hebrew	21430
Jerusalem AL-FAJR in Arabic	
Jerusalem AL-FAJR in English	3470
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BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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Jerusalem AL-NAHAR in Arabic		5340
Jerusalem AL-QUDS in Arabic		6180
Jerusalem AL-SHA'B in Arabic		2780
Jerusalem AL-TALI'AH Arabic		890
Jerusalem GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE in English		13260
Jerusalem THE JERUSALEM POST in English		23180
Tel Aviv KOTERET RASHIT in Hebrew		0
Tel Aviv 'AL HAMISHMAR in Hebrew		4500
Tel Aviv BEMAHANE in Hebrew		2460
Tel Aviv DAVAR in Hebrew		6560
Tel Aviv HA'ARETZ in Hebrew		10680
Tel Aviv HA'IR in Hebrew		0
Tel Aviv HA'OLAM HAZE in Hebrew		0
Tel Aviv HADASHOT in Hebrew		4080
Tel Aviv HATZOFE in Hebrew		2280
Tel Aviv MA'ARIV in Hebrew		10840
Tel Aviv YEDI'OT AHARONOT in Hebrew		11120
TURKEY		
Ankara Domestic Service in Turkish	16910	
Ankara ANATOLIA in Turkish		1560
Ankara ANATOLIA in English		14010
Ankara ANATOLIA in French		150
Istanbul CUMHURIYET in Turkish		0
Istanbul HURRIYET in Turkish		0
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Hebrew	640	

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Moscow in			
Turkish to Turkey			
Moscow in	0		
Dari to Afghanistan	0		
Moscow in	0		
Persian to Iran			
 UNITED KINGDOM			
London BBC World Service in			
English	0		

TEL AVIV MONTHLY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT FOR MAY 1987 ATTACHMENT B

1. TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 264,010 (264,280)
TOTAL NONPUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 71,710 (56,720)
DAILY WORDAGE FILED AVERAGED 10,830 (10,700)
HIGHEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 20,330 on 28 May 1987.
LOWEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 2,480 on 30 May 1987.
 2. OUTAGES ON OUTGOING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 5.5 HOURS, 1.07 PERCENT
OUTAGES ON INCOMING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 5.5 HOURS, 1.07 PERCENT
OUTAGES: 12 May -- STAT
24 May --
30 May --
 3. WORDS FILED VIA TELEX DURING OUTAGES OF THE SKYMUX CIRCUIT: 450
- NB. Figures from preceding month in Parentheses.